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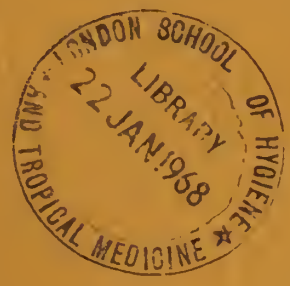
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
AND OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEARS  
1961 and 1962



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**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Kempston Urban District Council**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the District for the years 1961/62.

I regret the presentation of this report has been delayed through changes in staff and matters beyond my control.

It is presented in the form followed in previous years, being not only a report but a reference book for the health services.

Once again the vital statistics are satisfactory but care should be taken in their interpretation as the total in each case is very small. However, the fact that they continue to be satisfactory from year to year gives them far greater weight.

There has been no outbreak of infectious disease and the absence of diphtheria and anterior poliomyelitis is particularly satisfactory.

I am grateful to you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee for the interest you always show in our work, and to my colleague, Mr. Bentham, who has carried out most of the work described in the report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. DARLOW,

*Medical Officer of Health*

29th November, 1963.

# KEMPSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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### 1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

	1961	1962
Area in Acres .. .. .	1,302	1,302
Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population, (including Service Personnel) .. .. .	9,280	9,370
Number of inhabited houses at end of year according to the Rate Book .. .. .	3,029	2,910
Rateable Value (1st April) .. .. .	£103,495	£107,521
Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. .	£444	£455

### 2. SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Kempston is partly a dormitory district, many of its residents working in the industries of Bedford and Luton, and often further afield, and in the brickworks. In recent years there has been considerable development in its own small industries.

Much of Kempston is modern and new estates are being built. Many of the other houses are typical of the expansion at the end of the last century.

The beautifully wooded Addison Howard Park of 39 acres surrounding Kempston Grange was given to the town by the late Mrs. Mary Howard, M.B.E., in memory of her son, killed in the 1914-18 war. It has a children's play corner, hard tennis courts, putting green and cafe, and a passenger carrying miniature railway.

There are few amenities which, if not available within the Urban District, cannot be found within easy reach.

### 3. VITAL STATISTICS

#### LIVE BIRTHS

				1961		1962	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	69	78	86	64
Illegitimate	..	..	..	4	2	2	5
Totals	..	..		73	80	88	69
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 home population				..	..	16.5	16.8
Adjusted Birth Rate	..	..	..	..	..	17.1	17.4
(The comparability factor for the District being 1.04 for both years)							
As compared with:—							
Average of last 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	16.7
Adjusted rate for Bedfordshire	..	..	..	..	..	19.9	21.3
Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	17.4	18.0

#### STILL BIRTHS

				1961		1962	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	2	2	—	—
Illegitimate	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
Totals	..	..		2	2	—	—
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births				..	..	25.5	—
As compared with:—							
Average of last 5 years	..	..	..	..	..	19.2	16.3
Rate for Bedfordshire	..	..	..	..	..	18.7	17.0
Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	18.7	18.1

#### DEATHS

				1961		1962	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Deaths in the District	..	..		29	31	29	42
Transferred into District	..	..		28	24	24	22
Transferred from District	..	..		7	7	2	2
Totals	..	..		50	48	51	62



Crude Death Rate per 1,000 home population	..	..	10.6	12.1
Adjusted Death Rate	..	..	11.9	13.0
(The comparability factor for the District being	..	1.13	1.08)	
As compared with:—				
Average of last 5 years	..	..	9.7	10.3
Adjusted rate for Bedfordshire	..	..	10.7	11.1
Rate for England and Wales	..	..	12.0	11.9

#### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

				1961		1962	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	..	..	..	2	1	1	—
Illegitimate	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
Totals	..	..		2	1	1	—

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births .. 19.6 6.4

As compared with:—

Average of last 5 years	..	..	..	24.8	20.4
Rate for Bedfordshire	..	..	..	18.7	21.4
Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	21.4	21.4

#### DEATHS CONNECTED WITH CHILDBIRTH

Maternal Mortality per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. — —

As compared with:—

Average of last 5 years	..	..	..	—	—
Rate for Bedfordshire	..	..	..	0.37	—
Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	0.33	0.35

# PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

Causes	1961		1962	
	Total	Total	Total	Total
	M	F	M	F
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .. ..	—	—	—	—
2. Tuberculosis, other .. ..	—	1	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease .. ..	—	1	1	1
4. Diphtheria .. ..	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough .. ..	—	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections .. ..	—	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .. ..	—	—	—	—
8. Measles .. ..	—	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	—	1	2	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	—	4	—
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	—	1	—	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	—	—	—	3
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .. ..	4	6	5	6
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia .. ..	1	1	—	—
16. Diabetes .. ..	—	—	—	—
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	11	8	9	11
18. Coronary disease, angina .. ..	7	11	9	5
19. Hypertension with heart disease ..	1	1	—	2
20. Other heart disease .. ..	3	9	9	9
21. Other circulatory disease .. ..	—	—	1	2
22. Influenza .. ..	—	—	—	1
23. Pneumonia .. ..	2	—	—	5
24. Bronchitis .. ..	2	—	2	3
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	—	—	—
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	—	—	1	—
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .. ..	—	—	—	—
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .. ..	—	—	2	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ..	—	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations .. ..	1	1	—	—
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	5	1	5
33. Motor vehicle accidents .. ..	2	—	2	—
34. All other accidents .. ..	2	2	2	—
35. Suicide .. ..	1	—	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of war ..	—	—	—	—
All causes .. ..	50	48	51	62

## CAUSE OF DEATHS IN INFANTS

	1961	1962
Prematurity .. ..	2	—
Meningitis .. ..	1	—
Gastro enteritis .. ..	—	1

#### 4. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

##### PROVIDED BY THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

###### GENERAL HOSPITALS

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford.

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

###### INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Spittlesea, Nr. Luton, Beds.

###### CHEST CLINIC (FOR PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS)

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

###### VENEREAL DISEASE CLINICS

Bedford General Hospital (South Wing).

Wednesday, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

St. Mary's Hospital, Luton.

Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m.-7.30 p.m., Saturday, 9.00 a.m.-12 noon.

##### PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE

###### BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

##### PROVIDED BY THE BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

###### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Service provided by the Bedfordshire County Council has satisfactorily met the needs of the area. It covers the full twenty-four hours, and is free of charge.

In addition to moving emergency cases, ambulance or sitting case car transport is available for carrying patients unable to travel by other means to and from Hospitals and Clinics, when attendance is necessary for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

Except in the case of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made by a Medical Practitioner or other authorised person. This should be to the nearest depot.

The service now also covers the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

Depots are situated as follows:—

**BEDFORD**

Bedford Road, Kempston

**AMPTHILL**

14 Dunstable Street

**BIGGLESWADE**

Chestnut Avenue

**DUNSTABLE**

High Street North

**LUTON**

Leicester Road, Luton

**LINSLADE (Bucks. County Council)**

10 New Road, Linslade

*Telephone:*

Bedford 5335

Amphill 3333

Biggleswade 2295

Dunstable 62761

Luton 52600 and 51871

Leighton Buzzard 3332

**DOMICILIARY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SERVICE**

This Service is administered by the North Eastern Health Committee.

The Nurses employed are—

Superintendent Nursing Officer: Miss W. Frost, Health Department, Phoenix Chambers, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 68211.

(*Midwifery only*): Miss A. Pearson, 16 Birchdale Avenue, Kempston. Tel: Kempston 3466.

(*General nursing only*): Miss C. B. Macdonald, Flat 6, The Grange, Kempston. Tel: Kempston 2293.

(*General nursing only*): Mr. A. J. A. Swanston, 8 Harewood Road, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 5293.

**HEALTH VISITING SERVICE**

Superintendent Health Visitor: Miss E. L. Martin, Health Department, Phoenix Chambers, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 68211.

Health Visitor: Miss M. J. Bent, 26 Bushmead Avenue, Bedford.

**HOME HELP SERVICE**

Organiser: Mrs. V. M. Van Berchelaer, Health Centre, Union Street, Bedford. Tel: Bedford 2207.

**CHILD WELFARE CENTRE**

Kempston Methodist Schoolroom, Foster Road—Fridays 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**SCHOOL CLINICS**

Health Centre,  
Union Street,  
Bedford.

Child Guidance  
Dental (2 surgeries)  
Orthoptic  
Speech therapy  
Audiometry

4 sessions weekly  
sessions as required  
4 sessions weekly  
3 sessions weekly  
As required

## 5. SCHOOLS

### HYGIENE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The following schools are situated in the district—

#### ROBERT BRUCE COUNTY SECONDARY SCHOOL

The first instalment of this new school was opened on the 13th June, 1960. The old school is still being used in conjunction with the new school, thus relieving the overcrowding both at the Secondary and Bedford Road County Primary Junior Schools.

#### UP END COUNTY PRIMARY (INFANTS) SCHOOL

The number of pupils on roll at the end of 1962 was 302.

Conditions are satisfactory.

#### BALLIOL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

This is a modern building and conditions are satisfactory. The number of pupils on roll at the end of 1962 was 295.

#### SCHOOL MEALS

There is a school canteen at Bedford Road and meals are provided at all schools. Conditions are satisfactory.

## 6. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### (a) WATER SUPPLY

Responsibility for the water supply of the district has now been transferred to the North Bedfordshire Water Board.

## (b) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Apart from the following premises which are situated in the out-parts of the District, all dwelling houses are connected to the sewers—

<i>Situation</i>	<i>No. of Premises</i>	<i>Sanitary Arrangements</i>
Sailor's Bridge .. .. .	2	Pail Closets
Mill Cottage .. .. .	1	"
Kempston Mill .. .. .	1	Chemical Closet
Bury Cottages .. .. .	4	Pail Closets
Hoo Lodge .. .. .	1	Cesspool
The Mill House .. .. .	1	"
The Manor .. .. .	1	"
Manor Cottage .. .. .	1	"
The Manor Cottages .. .. .	2	"
The Bury .. .. .	1	"

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Approval was given by the Ministry of Housing & Local Government to a scheme as recommended by the Council's Consulting Engineers, viz., that a proportion would be directed to the sewers of Bedford Corporation and the rest treated in the Council's own works after further adaptation.

Phase 1 of this scheme was completed at the end of 1962.

## (c) RIVERS AND STREAMS

No complaints have been received of river or stream pollution and no action has been necessary.

## (d) PUBLIC CLEANSING

A regular weekly collection of household and trade refuse has been maintained throughout the District, a 16/18 cubic yard fore and aft tipper being used entirely for domestic purposes, whilst a 10/12 yard cubic yard side loading vehicle has been operated to deal mainly with trade refuse for which service a charge of 1s. 0d. per bin or bin equivalent collected is made. The established practice of calling at premises at a regular time on a definite day each week is much appreciated by residents.

There being no tip available, arrangements have been made with Bedford Corporation to use their tip at Barkers Lane, at a charge of 10s. 0d. per load tipped.

A specialist firm employing mechanical equipment for the emptying and cleansing of all road gulleys once every quarter was again engaged. The cost of 1s. 11d. per gulley for emptying represents a considerable saving over the cost of the work previously carried out by direct labour.

### (e) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following table shows the number of inspections made for all purposes:—

	1961	1962
Dwelling-houses inspected and recorded under the Housing Acts		
Regulations .. .. .	37	1
Ordinary Inspections for housing defects .. .. .	53	22
Sanitary routine inspections .. .. .	91	0
Inspection of Slaughterhouses and Foodstuffs .. .. .	15	62
Visits and re-visits to Council Property relating to reported defects and repairs of same .. .. .	432	150
Inspection of Factories and Workshops, including Bakehouses ..	9	2
Inspection of Cow-sheds and Dairies .. .. .	—	—
Inspection of Petroleum Stores .. .. .	13	6
Visits <i>re</i> Infectious Disease .. .. .	5	15
Rooms disinfected .. .. .	4	—
Inspection under Shops Act .. .. .	17	4
Drainage Inspections .. .. .	321	4
Drain Tests .. .. .	147	70
Caravans, No. of visits .. .. .	76	5
Caravans, No. of sites .. .. .	3	3
Other Miscellaneous visits .. .. .	342	37
Water Services .. .. .	—	—
Building Bye-laws .. .. .	715	111

### (f) CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Council have now adopted the Model Byelaw relating to Smoke Prevention. It became operative on 1st November, 1962.

### (g) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no privately owned or other swimming baths open to the public in the District.

During the summer period considerable use is made of a natural bathing pool and sandpit situated on the northern boundary of the district, by persons patronising the Honey Hill Lido. As the greater part of the premises come within the Borough of Bedford, supervision is carried out by officials of the Bedford Corporation Public Health Department.

### (h) PETROLEUM REGULATIONS

The total number of licences in force was 28 in respect of petrol installations and one carbide, at the end of 1962.



- (i) **RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951**  
One premise is registered under this Act.
- (j) **DISINFECTIONS**  
No fumigations following infectious diseases have been carried out.
- (k) **MARINE STORES**  
Two persons with premises in the District are registered as Dealers in Scrap Metal.
- (l) **SLAUGHTERHOUSES**  
There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district.

## 7. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### (1) MILK SUPPLY

Registration, inspection and control of dairy premises and milk retailers is the responsibility of the County Council, who are also responsible for formal sampling.

### (2) MEAT INSPECTION

From 1st October, 1962, meat inspection duties, previously carried out by staff of Bedford Borough Health Department, were commenced by the Council's Inspector. Arrangements exist whereby Bedford Borough provide deputies to cover for holidays, sickness, etc.

The following table summarises inspections and condemnations for the period 1st October—31st December, 1962.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
<b>NUMBER SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED</b> .. ..	647	29	30	938	1188
<b>CONDEMNATIONS.</b>					
All diseases except tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.					
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	—	1	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. ..	42	7	1	1	71
<b>Tuberculosis.</b>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. ..	—	—	—	—	3
<b>Cysticercosis.</b>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. ..	7	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration .. ..	6	—	—	—	—



DISEASES	Weight—lbs.			
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Pork
Tuberculosis .. .. .	—	—	—	34
B. Necrosis .. .. .	—	—	—	3
Parasites and Cysts .. .. .	254	2	2	250
Pleurisy .. .. .	3	—	—	21
Pericarditis .. .. .	—	—	—	22
Abscesses .. .. .	307	—	—	40
Angioma .. .. .	24	—	—	—
Septicaemia .. .. .	—	48	—	—
Cirrhosis .. .. .	—	—	—	10
Other diseases .. .. .	70	—	—	4
Severe Bruising .. .. .	—	—	—	112
Totals .. .. .	658	50	2	496

### (3) OTHER FOODS

#### A. NUMBER OF FOOD HANDLING PREMISES IN THE AREA

(a) Shops:—	<i>Number</i>							
1. Ice Cream vendors .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
2. Bakers and confectioners .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
3. Grocers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
4. Fishmongers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
5. General stores .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
6. Butchers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
(a) Shops—	<i>Number</i>							
(b) Vans, stalls and hawkers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
(c) Catering establishments—								
1. Restaurants and cafes .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
2. Industrial canteens .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
3. School canteens .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
4. Outside catering contractors .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
5. Fish and chip shops .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
(d) Manufacturing establishments (Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955)—								
1. Sausage makers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
2. Meat pie and cooked meat makers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
3. Bakehouses .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
(e) Licensed Premises .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12

#### B. CONDEMNED FOODS AND DISPOSAL THEREOF

All unsound food is surrendered voluntarily, and a condemnation certificate is issued. Condemned food is disposed of by burial or other suitable means.

Food condemned consisted of—		1961	1962
Tinned meat .. .. .	.. .. .	84 lbs.	43 lbs.

## 8. HOUSING

The following table shows the number of houses completed for occupation since the end of the second world war—

<i>Year</i>			<i>By Kempston U.D.C.</i>	<i>By Other Authorities</i>	<i>By Private Enterprise</i>	<i>Total</i>
1946	..	..	20	—	24	44
1947	..	..	29	6	6	41
1948	..	..	65	—	1	66
1949	..	..	26	—	15	41
1950	..	..	30	18	2	50
1951	..	..	14	7	6	27
1952	..	..	46	2	12	60
1953	..	..	20	26	38	84
1954	..	..	7 (flats)	30	18	55
1955	..	..	22	16	39	77
1956	..	..	28	7	20	57
			2 (flats)			
1957	..	..	6	—	32	38
1958	..	..	3 (flats)	—	30	33
1959	..	..	14	—	35	49
1960	..	..	24	—	43	67
1961	..	..	—	—	16	16
1962	..	..	—	—	19	19
			<hr/> 356	<hr/> 112	<hr/> 356	<hr/> 824

### (1) INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES

		1961	1962
1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	..	22	1
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	..	41	3
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .. .	.. .. .	2	1
3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. ..	.. ..	12	Nil

## (2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

	1961	1962
Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ..	16	Nil

## (3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS

### A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. Nil Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—

(a) By owners .. Nil Nil

(b) By local authority in default of owners .. Nil Nil

### B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts—

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied and which were subsequently remedied .. 6 Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—

(a) By owners .. Nil Nil

(b) By local authority in default of owners .. Nil Nil

### C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957—

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. Nil Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. Nil Nil

### D. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957— (Closing Orders)—

1. Number of separate houses or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .. Nil Nil

2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit .. Nil Nil

## (4) HOUSING ACT, 1936—PART IV—OVERCROWDING

No action has been taken under this part of the Act although records of known cases of overcrowding are maintained which are brought to the notice of the department mainly because the persons concerned wish to strengthen their application for a Council House on these grounds. The standard of overcrowding is based on the number of occupants of a dwelling and the floor space of the rooms, and much distress can be caused when two or more families have to share a dwelling and its conveniences which may be designed only for a single family, though these cases do not come within the legal definition of overcrowding.

## (5) HOUSING ACTS, 1949 AND 1954

During 1961 one application for a discretionary Improvement Grant was received which was refused. Fourteen applications for Standard Grants were received, two of which did not comply with the necessary requirements and were refused. The remaining twelve were approved.

During 1962 sixteen applications for Standard Grants were received, two of which did not comply with the necessary requirements and were refused. The remaining fourteen were approved.

## (6) THE RENT ACT, 1957

During the two years under review, two applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received and dealt with. In both instances Certificates were subsequently issued by the Council.

## 9. NEW BUILDINGS

### (1) PLANS SUBMITTED AND DEALT WITH DURING YEAR

Dwelling houses—							1961	1962
(a) Local Authority	}	(i) Houses	..	..	..	Nil	1	
		(ii) Flats	..	..	..	Nil	1	
(b) Housing Society	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	
(c) Private Enterprise	}	(i) Houses	..	..	..	18	21	
		(ii) Flats	..	..	..	24	Nil	
Local Authority Garages	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	
Private Garages	..	..	..	..	..	56	51	
Outbuildings	..	..	..	..	..	14	7	
Extensions or alterations to existing buildings						62	50	
Industrial and Business Premises						17	27	
Building Sites	..	..	..	..	..	6	17	
Other Plans	..	..	..	..	..	10	11	
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	
Change of User	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	5	
Advertisements	..	..	..	..	..	7	12	
Caravans	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	

## 10. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	1961				1962			
	Notifications by Age Groups				Notifications by Age Groups			
	0-5	5-15	over 15	Total	0-5	5-15	over 15	Total
Measles ..	79	91	1	171	29	25	—	54
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Infective Hepatitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1

These columns depend for their accuracy on notification received from general practitioners. Some of the diseases have now become so unimportant that there is nowhere near full notification so that the figures given can only be taken as an indication of the trend.

Reporting of serious diseases is still complete and in this connection it will be noticed that there have been no cases of poliomyelitis.

11. TUBERCULOSIS

1961										1962							
		New Cases				Deaths				New Cases				Deaths			
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
Age		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year to 5 years		—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 years to 15 years		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2*	1*	—	1*	—	—	—	—
15 years to 35 years		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1+1*	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 years to 65 years		1*	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 years	..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	..	1*	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	2+2*2+2*	—	1*	—	—	—	—	—
*Transferred from another District.																	

NUMBER ON REGISTER AT END OF 1962

										Male	Female
Pulmonary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	18
Non-Pulmonary		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1

DEATH RATES PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION  
(respiratory tuberculosis)

									1961	1962
This District	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil
Bedfordshire	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3.1	3.3
England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.5	5.9

## INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS, 1953-1962

The district was not visited by the mobile unit this year.

Year	New Cases					Total	Deaths				Total
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.		
1953	6	3	1	—	10	2	1	—	—	3	
1954	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	
1955	2	2	—	1	5	1	1	—	—	2	
1956	5	6	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	
1957	2	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	
1958	5	1	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	
1959	4	2	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	
1960	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	
1961	—	2	—	1	3	—	—	—	1	1	
1962	2	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	

## 12. MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The district was visited by the mobile unit during 1962.

## 13. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination against anterior poliomyelitis, whooping cough and diphtheria is the responsibility of the County Council and has been carried out at infant welfare clinics and in the schools.

There were no cases of poliomyelitis during 1961/62.

Immunisation against tuberculosis by B.C.G. is offered to school leavers and is given in the schools.

## 14. CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SEC. 85

### LICE

No treatments were given under this Section during 1961/62

The bulk of the cases which might call for treatment is in school children with lousy heads who are always treated informally by the school nurse.

There is an arrangement with the Borough of Bedford to treat general infestations at Barker's Lane, Bedford at a cost of 30s. per treatment for adults and 17s. 6d. per treatment for children.

Modern treatment of scabies no longer necessitates cleansing under this Section.

## 15. PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

It was not necessary to take any action under Section 176 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

## 16. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (SECTION 47)

No action was necessary under this Act during 1961/62.

## 17. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following table shows the work undertaken during the years 1961/62

	No. of properties inspected		No. of properties found to be infested		No. of Notices served under Sec. 4		No. of treatments carried out			
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	By Council's Operator		Voluntarily by occupiers	
Local Authority's Property	9	2	9	2	—	—	—	6	—	—
Dwelling Houses ..	651	26	14	26	—	—	44	45	—	—
Business Premises ..	113	8	14	8	—	—	14	19	—	—
Agricultural Property ..	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .. ..	789	36	37	36	—	—	58	70	—	—

In addition, test baiting of the Council's sewerage system was carried out twice during each year with negative results.

All complaints of rodent infestation are promptly investigated by the Council's Operator.

Great importance is given to providing a prompt and efficient service which, though far from self-supporting from the financial aspect, is felt to be fully justified in preventing damage to properties and foodstuffs, and in the prevention of the spread of disease.



## 18. FACTORIES

### PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

#### PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register		Number of					
			Inspections		Written notices (4)		Occupiers prosecuted (5)	
	(2)		(3)					
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	8	12	6	—	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. .. .	45	59	18	3	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals .. .. .	53	75	24	3	—	—	—	—



FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER, 1961/62

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred			
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness (S.1) .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Overcrowding (S.2) .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—						
(a) Insufficient .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	—	—	—	—	—	
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

3. OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
	1961	1962				
Wearing apparel— Making, etc. ..	5	—	—	—	—	—

